

Dear FCC,

I'll make this short and sweet. I do not want you to make any changes to the Net Neutrality rules already in place. The internet has been very successful without ISPs demanding extra money for prioritized service.

The whole premise of the internet is to have an independent, non-hierarchical network of networks to communicate nationally across academic, scientific and governmental lines. When the internet was opened to the public, it was opened with with expressed vision of a democratic, open space. Surely you know how it has transformed communication, the arts, politics, economics and culture.

Prioritized content will lead to a balkanization of the internet that will put a lid on innovation in a big way and bring yet another huge digital divide between the rich and everyone else.

Please do not mess with success. You all know as well as I do that these big ISPs which are now also big content providers do not need more profits — profits for these companies are already obscene. If anything, they need to be reigned in from more consolidation, but that's another story.

If you discount my comment because it comes from an ordinary person and not a lobbyist or legal authority, you will be making a big mistake. I worked for a media watchdog for 9 years and I now teach mass communication at a community college. I know what I'm talking about, and I know what you are not about, Chairman Pai. You are not about serving the people. You are serving your own interests and discounting the will and the economic, cultural and civic welfare of most of the USA.

Please keep net neutrality intact, within Title II and without prioritization.

Sincerely,
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